

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-2;
- II. Claims 3-26, 37, and 38;
- III. Claims 27-36, 39, and 40.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the claims corresponding with Group II, with traverse. Claims 1, 2, 27-36 and 39-40 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction between groups I and II because the requirements for restriction between groups with a combination/sub-combination relationship have not been met. Specifically, the Examiner must show that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability. (MPEP section 806.05(c)).

The Examiner asserts that the claims in group II “do[] not require the controller to be coupled to a plurality of detectors.” (Examiner’s Detailed Action, paragraph 2). However, the independent claims in group II, claims 3 and 38, both require that the controller be coupled to the plurality of detectors. In claim 3, a plurality of detectors generates rotor signals. The controller is adjusting rotor speed *in response to* said rotor signals. Since the detectors generate the rotor signals to which the controller responds, the detectors are indeed coupled to the rotor signals. Likewise, in claim 37, a plurality of detectors generates tandem rotor/wing signals to which a controller responds. In this case too the detectors are coupled to the rotor signals. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that groups I and II should be examined together.

Additionally, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species:

- I. Figure 1;
- II. Figure 2.

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Applicants hereby elect Species 1. Claims 3-26, 37 and 38 each read on Species 1.

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